GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MISSING PERSONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce computerisation of information about missing persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has taken any steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the NCRB to get up-to-date information about missing persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (e): NCRB is maintaining a computerized system called TALASH, which is an integrated system for linking various types of persons, i.e. Missing, Kidnapped, Arrested, Unidentified Persons, Unidentified Dead Bodies, Wanted, Deserters and Escapees. NCRB receives case information from States/ UTs on the above types of persons for the purpose of coordination only and does not collect statistical information on all the missing persons in the country. The matching is done based on parameters like name, father`s name, age, sex, physical features (build, height, complexion, face type, eyes, hair, deformity etc.). The Missing Persons are also matched with Arrested, Unidentified Dead Bodies and Unidentified Persons. The results are transmitted to the concerned District/ Police Station on matching of the person for further action at their end. NCRB has sent its available database of 1995 to 2006 in TALASH system to the concerned States/ UTs along with the application software for updating the data on all types of persons. The present database size of TALASH system as on date is 2,21,887, which is also available on NCRB website `http://ncrb.nic.in`. There are 1,45,457 Missing Persons of all age groups in the database.